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The present invention relates to a An apparatus and a method for processing string materials, particularly electric conductors, comprising includes at least one first string material guiding means-guide for conveying the string material along a path of movement to a processing means-apparatus and comprising including at least one second string material guiding means-guide located between said the first guiding means-guide and said the processing meansapparatus. The first guiding meansguide further includes at least one guiding element by which self-twisting of the string material about the longitudinal axis thereof may at least be impeded. The second string material guiding means-guide includes another guiding element which is rotationally positioned about an axis arranged at a given angle with regard to the path of movement and is driven by a driving meansapparatus. The guiding elements are rotated either continuously or intermittently.